

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: October 2012



This newsletter is dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County solely while the Maryland General Assembly is not in session. Below, you will find a brief description of each of the proposed legislation under consideration by the County Council and a link to view the legislation online.

I hope you find this information helpful and are able to



take advantage of this opportunity to become more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. You can also

take advantage of the opportunity to sign-up to testify online for Council bills. To do so, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/IframeTemplate.aspx?ID=6442455146>.

INTRODUCTIONS

All current Council legislation can be found online at <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Displayprimary.aspx?ID=4294968832>.

APPOINTMENTS

CR144-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michael S. Couch to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR145-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Astamay Curtis to the Public Transportation Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR146-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lisa L. Jablonover to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR147-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John P. Koenig to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families .

Final Action:

Votes:

CR148-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of John J. McNiff to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families .

Final Action:

Votes:

CR149-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of

Gregory A. Schuckman to the Board of Social Services.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR150-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joyce Lehrer to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR151-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Robin Toler, M.D. to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR152-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Nikki Young to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB33-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

AN ACT defining certain terms; allowing certain parcels within the R-ED zoning district to both send and receive development density through the Neighborhood Preservation Density Exchange Option; establishing a maximum receiving lot yield; providing certain regulations for sending parcels that contain a historic structure; making certain technical corrections; amending certain setbacks; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR143-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the Wilde Lake Business Trust

A RESOLUTION to close Lynx Lane, as shown in Exhibits A and B, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR153-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION declaring that approximately .914 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as a portion of the road bed of Lynx Lane is no longer needed for a public purpose and authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to the owner of the adjacent property, Wilde Lake Business Trust; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR154-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation

A RESOLUTION recognizing Columbia Downtown Housing Corporation as the Downtown Columbia Housing Foundation and providing for certain conditions.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR155-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 5-301 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the Howard County Board of Education's Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2014 and Capital Improvement Program Request for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 for the purpose of submission to the Interagency Committee on School Construction.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

APPOINTMENTS

CR108-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Roger L. Barnes to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action: Passed 9/4/2012

Votes: Yeas - Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Absent - Council Member Ball

CR118-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Elaine Brown to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR119-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Peter J. Brunner to the Commission on Aging.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR120-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Kristen M. Detwiler to the Commission for Women.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR121-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Olivia Farrow to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR122-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Charles Frekot to the Recreation & Parks Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR123-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Beryl Gantt to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR124-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Anita M. Jackson to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR125-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Pastor Donald M. Poole to the Board to Promote Self-Sufficiency.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR126-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jason Quan to the Public Transportation Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR127-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Devansh Srivastava to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR128-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Stacie Hunt to the Board of Library Trustees.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR129-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Michael J. Jack to the Howard County Board of Directors of the Revenue Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR130-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Anne Markus to the Board of Library Trustees.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR131-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jaykant Parekh, P.E. to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR132-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Craig Glendenning as County Auditor.

Final Action: Passed 9/4/2012

Votes: Yeas - Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Absent - Council Member Ball

FINANCIAL

SAO1-FY2013

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$10,006 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Sheriff's Office for a grant to provide overtime funding for deputies assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit.

Final Action:

Votes:

SAO2-FY2013

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$307,980 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Technology and Communication Services for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB32-2013

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of up to \$100,000,000 consolidated public improvement bonds and up to \$10,000,000 metropolitan district bonds, pursuant to various bond enabling laws; providing that such bonds shall be general obligations of the County; authorizing the County Executive to specify, prescribe, determine, provide for or approve the final principal amounts, maturity schedules, interest rates and redemption provisions for such bonds, and other matters, details, forms, documents or procedures and to determine the method of sale of such bonds; providing for the disbursement of the proceeds of such bonds and for the levying of taxes to pay debt service on such bonds; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB28-2012

**Introduced By, Council Member Jennifer Terrasa
Co-Sponsored by Council Member Calvin Ball**

AN ACT establishing a tax credit against the County tax imposed on real property equipped with certain types of accessibility features, under certain conditions; establishing the amount, terms, conditions, and duration of the credit; providing for an application procedure and administration of the credit; and generally relating to property tax credits.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB29-2012**Administrative Explanation**

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a second amendment and new equipment schedule to 2009 Energy Performance Contract Master Lease-Purchase Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Grant Capital Management, Inc., to refinance certain energy saving capital improvements originally financed there under.

Final Action: Passed 09/18/12

Votes: Yea - Council Members Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Recused - Council Member Fox

CB30-2012**Administrative Explanation**

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the on-site sewage disposal permit to include the modification, alteration, repair or connection to certain types of disposal systems; and generally relating to sewage disposal permits.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB31-2012 (ZRA 139)

Administrative Explanation
Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to require a financial affordable housing obligation or the provision of moderate income housing units in Downtown Columbia; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR133-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on September 18, 2012.

Final Action: Passed 9/4/2012

Votes: Yeas - Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Absent - Council Member Ball

CR134-2012

**Introduced By, Council Member Courtney Watson
Co-Sponsored by, Council Members Calvin Ball and Jennifer Terrasa**

A RESOLUTION requesting the Public Service Commission of Maryland investigate the reliability of the electric power supply for certain areas in Howard County and require electrical utility providers doing business in Howard County to disclose outage information to Howard County after 24 hours; and directing certain other actions by certain County officials.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR135-2012**Administrative Explanation**

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the 2012 Howard County Land Preservation & Recreation Plan.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR136-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the 2011 Amendment to the Howard County Master Plan for Water and Sewerage, consisting of text, tables, and maps incorporating various revisions based on and including:

1. An analysis of the water and sewerage systems, including systems expansion to serve presently undeveloped areas within the Planned Service Area and augmentation of undersized existing facilities;
2. The progress of projects for future water supply and sewerage treatment needs in the county and outside of the county, including improvements to the Western Third Zone water supply and expansion of the Patapsco Wastewater Treatment Plant being built in coordination with Baltimore City and Baltimore County;
3. Review of service priorities for properties in the Planned Service Area; and
4. Changes in the anticipated alignment, location, and sizing of future facilities.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR137-2012

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a revised schedule of fees

for on-site sewage disposal functions regulated by the Health Department.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR138-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between Colonial LLLP and Howard County, Maryland for a senior rental housing project known as Park View at Colonial Landing.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR139-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the acquisition and renovation of an affordable housing project known as Park View at Colonial Landing in ElkrIDGE, Maryland to be financed either directly by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the State of Maryland or through the Department's Community Development Administration.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR140-2012

Introduced By, The Chair at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between Hickory Ridge Village LLLP, a Maryland limited liability limited partnership, and Howard County, Maryland for a multi-family rental housing project known as Hickory Ridge Place Apartments.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR141-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chair at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the application and receipt of financing for a Community Legacy Project in Howard County, further described in the Community Legacy Application, to be financed either directly by the

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development or through other departments or agencies of the State of Maryland and authorizing certain actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR142-2012

Administrative Explanation

Introduced By, The Chair at the Request of the Charter Review Commission

A RESOLUTION adopting a revised schedule of fees for parking meter rates.

Final Action:

Votes:

TABLED

CR150-2011

Introduced By, Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action: Tabled 10/3/2011

Votes: Yea – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

Nay – Council Member Ball

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 24 at 4:30pm: Legislative Work Session
- Monday, October 1 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Tuesday, October 9 at 12:30pm: Monthly Meeting in the CVG Room
- Monday, October 15 at 7:30pm: Legislative Public Hearing

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, visit <http://cc.howardcountymd.gov/displayprimary.aspx?ID=6442459444>.

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,

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"Good leaders must first become good servants." ~ Robert Greenleaf